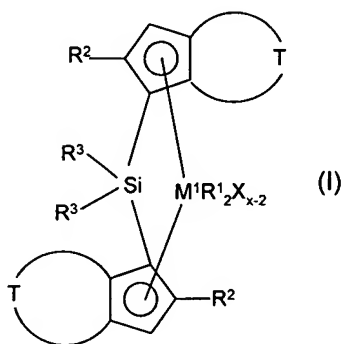
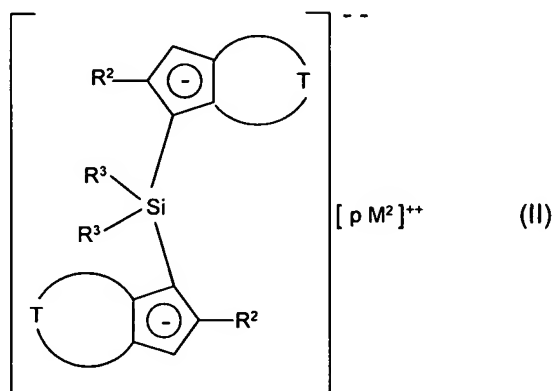


## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

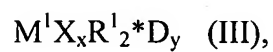
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3. (currently amended) A process for the racemoselective preparation of silicon-bridged dialkyl-ansa-metallocenes of the formula (I):



which comprises reacting a ligand starting compound of the formula (II):



with a transition metal dialkyl compound of the formula (III):



where

$M^1$  is an element of group 4, 5 or 6 of the Periodic Table of the Elements;

$R^1$  are identical  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$ -alkyl or  $C_7$ - $C_{40}$ -arylalkyl radicals;

X are identical or different halogens;

$R^2$  are identical or different  $C_1$ - $C_{40}$  radicals;

$R^3$  are identical or different  $C_1$ - $C_{40}$  radicals;

T is a divalent  $C_1$ - $C_{40}$  group which together with the cyclopentadienyl ring forms a further saturated or unsaturated ring system which has a ring size of from 5 to 12 atoms, where T may contain the heteroatoms Si, Ge, N, P, O or S in the ring system fused onto the cyclopentadienyl ring;

$M^2$  is Li, Na, K, MgCl, MgBr, MgI, Mg or Ca;

D is an uncharged Lewis base ligand;

x is equal to the oxidation number of  $M^1$  minus 2;

y is from 0 to 2;

and

p is 1 in the case of doubly positively charged metal ions or 2 in the case of singly positively charged metal ions or metal ion fragments,

wherein the transition metal dialkyl compound of the formula (III) is produced at above  $-30^\circ\text{C}$  by combining a compound  $M^1X_{x+2}$  with from 2 to 2.5 equivalents of a compound  $R^1M^3$  in the presence of a ligand compound D, where

$M^3$  is  $\text{Li}^+$ ,  $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{K}^+$ ,  $\text{MgCl}^+$ ,  $\text{MgBr}^+$ ,  $\text{MgI}^+$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} [\text{Mg}^{++}]$  or  $\frac{1}{2} [\text{Zn}^{++}]$ .

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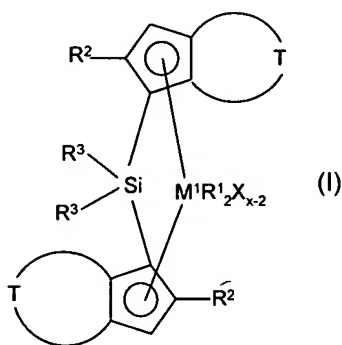
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6. (previously presented) The process as claimed in claim 3, wherein the reaction is carried out in an organic solvent or solvent mixture which comprises at least 10% by volume of an ether.

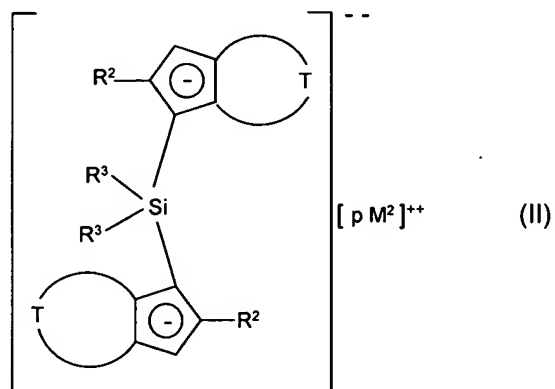
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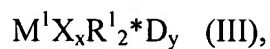
9. (currently amended) A process for the racemoselective preparation of silicon-bridged dialkyl-ansa-metallocenes of the formula (I):



which comprises reacting a ligand starting compound of the formula (II):



with a transition metal dialkyl compound of the formula (III):



where

$R^2$  are identical or different  $C_1$ - $C_{40}$  radicals;

$R^3$  are identical or different  $C_1$ - $C_{40}$  radicals;

$M^2$  is Li, Na, K, MgCl, MgBr, MgI, Mg or Ca;

- D is an uncharged Lewis base ~~ligand~~;
- x is equal to the oxidation number of  $M^I$  minus 2;
- y is from 0 to 2;
- p is 1 in the case of doubly positively charged metal ions or 2 in the case of singly positively charged metal ions or metal ion fragments,
- T is a 1,3-butadiene-1,4-diyl group which may be unsubstituted or be substituted by from 1 to 4 radicals  $R^4$ , where the two 1,3-butadiene-1,4-diyl groups may be different;
- $R^4$  are identical or different  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$  radicals;
- $M^I$  is titanium, zirconium or hafnium;
- $R^I$  are identical  $C_1$ - $C_5$ -alkyl or  $C_7$ - $C_{20}$ -arylalkyl radicals; and
- X is halogen,
- wherein the transition metal dialkyl compound of the formula (III) is produced at above  $-30^\circ\text{C}$  by combining a compound  $M^I X_{x+2}$  with from 2 to 2.5 equivalents of a compound  $R^I M^3$  in the presence of a ~~ligand~~ compound D, where
- $M^3$  is  $\text{Li}^+$ ,  $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{K}^+$ ,  $\text{MgCl}^+$ ,  $\text{MgBr}^+$ ,  $\text{MgI}^+$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} [\text{Mg}^{++}]$  or  $\frac{1}{2} [\text{Zn}^{++}]$ .

10. canceled

11. canceled